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FOR A/FBO FROM FBO PROJECT SUPERVISOR

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TAGS: ABLD, AFSP, ASEC/NSU
SUBJECT: EMBASSY RECONSTRUCTION, PROPERTY NO. L01001,
STATUS REPORT

1. WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ORIGINAL FIRE RELATED
RECONSTRUCTION THE END IS IN SIGHT AND EXPECTED TO
BE COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED ABOUT 30 SEPTEMBER EXCEPT
FOR A FEW WRAP-UP TASKS AND THE NORTH CENTRAL
ELEVATOR INSTALLATION WHICH COULD ONLY NOW BE FITTED
INTO A COMPLICATED COMBINATION OF PRIORITIES
INVOLVING AVAILABLE PERSONNEL, CONTINUING NEEDS FOR
DUMPING DOWN THE SHAFT, ETC. MORE REGARDING THIS
INSTALLATION FOLLOWS HEREIN.

2. OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF ORIGINALLY PLANNED RECON-
STRUCTION, BUT CLEARLY RELATED TO PRESENT FIRE SAFETY
NEEDS IS THE NECESSITY TO PROMPTLY UNDERTAKE A GEN-
ERAL REWIRING OF THE NON-SECURED CHANCERY LEVELS AND
CONNECTED NORTH AND SOUTH WINGS. THIS PROJECT IS
ORGANIZED AND PRESENTLY BEFORE A/FBO FOR CONTRACT
ACTION. SEABEE PARTICIPATION, OTHER THAN INCIDENTAL,
IS NOT BELIEVED NEEDED IN THIS REGARD. EITHER U.S.
OR THIRD COUNTRY CONTRACTOR INVOLVEMENT IS EXPECTED.
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3. CONCERNING THE ELEVATOR INSTALLATION, IT HAS
BEEN NECESSARY TO CAREFULLY COORDINATE THIS WORK
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SEABEE RESOURCES, POST HOUSING
AND VARIOUS SECURITY RELATED PROBLEMS.
COORDINATION HERE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED,
AND BASIC PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. NO ADDITIONAL SEABEE PERSONNEL BEYOND THE
- THREE NEW MEN ALREADY SCHEDULED TO SHORTLY
- ARRIVE AT POST ARE BELIEVED TO BE NEEDED SINCE
- THEIR OTHER DUTIES WILL GENERALLY BE WINDING UP
- ABOUT 30 SEPTEMBER WHEN WE PLAN TO START RESTOR-
- ATION OF THE ELEVATOR SHAFT. DUE TO SECURITY
- ASPECTS, THE SEABEES WILL BE ABLE AT THAT TIME
- TO UNDERTAKE THIS ASPECT OF THE WORK.

- B. FREISSLER-OTIS, VIENNA, HAS THEIR COMPONENTS
- ON HAND THERE AND HAS BEEN NOTIFIED TO PROCEED
- WITH TRUCK SHIPMENT TO MOSCOW. DELIVERY
- THROUGH SOVIET CUSTOMS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED
- BY 30 SEPTEMBER AND EMBASSY CAN ACCEPT, STORE
- AND MOVE PARTIALLY INTO CONSTRUCTION AREAS AT
- THAT TIME.

- C. SEABEE RESTORATION OF ELEVATOR SHAFT INCLUDING
 - REMOVAL OF OLD DOORS AT ALL FLOORS, DEMOLITION
 - AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SHAFT DOOR-SIDE WALLS
 - WHICH HAVE BEEN STRUCTURALLY DAMAGED FROM PAST
 - YEAR'S DUMPING OPERATIONS, GENERAL INTERIOR
 - SHAFT REFINISHING, RECONSTRUCTION OF ELEVATOR
 - MACHINERY ROOM, ETC. CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BETWEEN
 - 30 SEPTEMBER AND 30 OCTOBER USING MOST OF THEIR
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- CONTINGENT AT POST.

- D. BEGINNING 30 OCTOBER A TWO-MAN FREISSLER-OTIS
- AUSTRIAN TEAM WILL PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION
- OF THE ELEVATOR DOORS. A ONE TO ONE CONSEC
- INVOLVEMENT WITH SEABEES WILL BE NECESSARY AS
- WILL SEABEE RELATED MASONRY WORK RELATED TO DOOR
- INSTALLATIONS. AN OPERATIONAL ELEVATOR INSTALL-
- ATION CAN BE EXPECTED BY 30 DECEMBER BARRING
- UNFORESEEN DELAYS.

4. ABOVE PLAN FOR THE ELEVATOR INSTALLATION REQUIRES DEPARTMENT'S COORDINATION BETWEEN A/FBO AND NSU. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF ANY DIFFICULTIES ARE ENCOUNTERED IN THIS REGARD.

5. EMBASSY IS NOW STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF RECONFIGURING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SPACES ON FIRST FLOOR OF CENTRAL WING. PRESENT CONFIGURATION IS INEFFICIENT AS WELL AS INCONVENIENT. MOREOVER, INADEQUATE VENTILATION AFFECTS THE OPERATION OF THE XEROX AND COMPUTER NECESSITATING A SHIFT OF THESE MACHINES TO A NEW

LOCATION. POST WILL SUBMIT PLANS FOR COMMENT, APPROVAL
AND FUNDING ASAP.
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